

Staff Officers, shall be that of the army of the United States according to their respective arms and grades.

7. That there be appointed an Inspector General, who shall annually inspect the Militia, and report to the Governor; and when required shall act as Assistant Adjutant General.

8. That persons who have served for seven years as volunteers, or as officers of district regiments, organized into companies, or as General or Staff Officers, shall be exempt from militia duty, except in case of war, invasion or insurrection.

9. That no change be made in the law of 1854, relative to the Light Division of Baltimore city, except such, if any, as may be necessary to conform with this system.

10 This Convention further most earnestly recommend as a matter of indispensable necessity, the establishment by the State of a Military Academy, similar to that of the State of Virginia, at Lexington; and while this Convention would prefer, if the ground were entirely unoccupied, a more central and less exposed position, yet, as a Military Academy has been established at Oxford, under favorable auspices, they recommend that that Academy be made a State Institution, with not less than twelve cadets, supported by the State, with a proportional number from the District of Columbia, if provision be made for their support by Congress.

By order of the Convention of Officers,

HENRY MANKIN,

Brig. Gen'l 14th Brigade, M. M.

Baltimore, Feb. 14, 1856.

Which was referred to Committee on Militia.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy,

The House took up for consideration the bill entitled, an act to raise additional revenue to pay the debts of this State, by increasing the rates of licenses to ordinary keeper and traders;

Mr. Goldsborough moved to strike out the word "forty" and insert "twenty-five," in the 18th line of the 4th section;

Mr. Wickes moved as an amendment to insert after the word "done" in the 14th line of section 4th, "And if it shall appear from such statement that such rate of rent, or annual value of such house, or place, does or shall not exceed seventy-five dollars, then it shall be the duty of said Clerk before granting such license, to demand and receive therefore the sum of thirty-five dollars;

Which was determined in the negative.

Mr. Harris offered the following as an amendment: